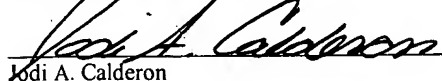




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Serial No.: 10/634,715 Examiner: Aamer S. Ahmed  
Filing Date: August 5, 2003 Group Art Unit: 3763  
Inventor(s): Adel B. Korkor et al. Attorney Docket No. 155.015  
Invention: *Catheter Introducer Having an Expandable Tip*  
Priority: Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Pat. App. 09/896,035, filed June 29, 2001  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, the Examiner restricted the claims of the above-identified application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121, including:

- I. The species of Figure 2;
- II. The species of Figure 6;
- III. The species of Figure 13.

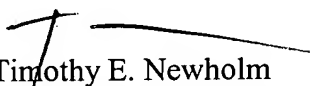
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Group III: Figure 13, including claims 1-37, without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Response to Election of Species Requirement  
dated November 2, 2005  
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The Director is authorized to direct any additional fees associated with this or any other communication, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1170.

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